

INSTRUCTOR: Norio Ota

PREREQUISITE: None. No previous knowledge of the language is assumed.

DESCRIPTION: Web-based introductory Japanese course: basics of spoken Japanese, with strong emphasis on immediate practical usefulness in everyday situations, and on the relationship between facets of language and those of social phenomena. Writing is introduced after some competence in spoken Japanese is acquired: the two **Kana** syllabaries, approximately **120 Kanji** 'Sino-Japanese characters' and elementary reading are introduced. Video files are available on the web for listening comprehension and for orientation to the culture, society, and people. **No textbook** is used: all the instructional materials including interactive self-study materials are available on the web site. Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) is used to enhance students' further acquisition of the language. The course is structured to be self-contained at this level. Partially, it is also designed for general educational purposes. Therefore, the course accommodates as well students who may not continue to study Japanese at higher levels in the future.

FORMAT: One hour of lecture presentation and explanation [**video-streamed and recorded**]; three hours of tutorials with primary stress on oral communicative activities, shifting later in the year to an increasing stress on reading and writing. Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) work.

EVALUATION: Tests [**online - Moodle**] - 50%; Oral assignments - 25%; Quizzes - 15%; Class attendance and participation - 10%.

TEXTS: Ota, Lecture Notes [available on the web site]; A small fee is charged for video-recording, online material development and photocopied material.

URL: <http://buna.yorku.ca/japanese/jp1000.html>